

[Mr. K. Kunju Panicker]

(c) whether the people in the State consider the general prohibition to work the mills as a serious grievance and that the people find it very difficult to get the paddy pounded by womenfolk who used to do that formerly?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) The opposite is the case. Considerable loss and inconveniences to the consuming public are avoided by distributing paddy purchased by Government, as paddy itself; and stopping of mills is welcomed by the majority of the population.

Appointments made by the Public Service Commissioner.

19. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointments made in the Lower and Intermediate Divisions by the Public Service Commissioner after 1115 are quite in proportion to the seats allotted to each community;

(b) whether appointments are made from other communities if there is no qualified hand in a particular community which is by right to get those seats; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, whether such appointments are counted or not counted to decide the proportion of the community to which that chance is given?

MR. S. N. URE (*Public Service Commissioner*): (a) In the Lower Division yes, subject to the availability of candidates from the various communities. In the Intermediate Division the communal rotation is not followed.

(b) Yes.

(c) For the Lower Division the rule is that when the turn of any particular community is passed over for want of suitable candidates, the community so passed over is entitled to get the benefit of the vacancies thus forfeited to the extent to which qualified candidates may subsequently be forthcoming from that community during a period of three years, a corresponding reduction being made in the number of vacancies due to the other communities that may have benefited under the arrangement in the meanwhile.

Deaths caused by cholera.

20. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of deaths caused by cholera in the months of Medam, Edayam and Mithunam 1118 in the following taluks:—

(a) Chirayinkil;

(b) Quilon; and

(c) Karunagapally?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: A statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the epidemic has been brought under control?

*Vide Appendix V page 47.

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes, the epidemic has been brought under control long ago.

Cholera epidemic.

21. ***MR. G. VELU PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the taluks and towns recently affected by cholera;
- (b) what the Public Health Department is doing to prevent the spread of the disease;
- (c) the total number of deaths in the State due to cholera in 1118; and
- (d) in which town or taluk the death rate has been highest?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (a) A statement containing the information is placed on the table.

(b) (1) Intensive prevention work such as mass inoculation, disinfection, chlorination of water supplies, etc., in the infected areas;

(2) Carrying on of propaganda for educating the general public regarding the precautionary measures to be adopted for preventing the epidemic;

(3) Introduction of special sanitary arrangements during festivals;

(4) The opening of cholera observation stations in the frontier stations; and

(5) Formation of a Central Public Health District with its headquarters at Quilon for effective supervision of the work in Central Travancore.

(c) 2338.

(d) Among the taluks, the highest death rate was in Shencotta, viz., 1.97 per 1000 population. Among the towns the highest was in Colachel, viz., 9.49 per 1000 population.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether inoculation is made compulsory in the affected areas?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ താലൂക്കിൽ കാളറാ മൂലം മരിച്ച കേസുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: ഇപ്പോൾ ചില കേസുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: അങ്ങിനെ എത്ര കേസുകൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: നാലഞ്ചു കേസുകളിൽ കൂടുതൽ കാണുകയില്ല.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ ലിസ്റ്റിൽ ആ വിവരം കാണിച്ചിട്ടില്ലല്ലോ?

* Vide Appendix VI Page 47.

Appendix V.

Vide Answer to Question No. 20.

Number of deaths caused by cholera in the months of Medam, Edavam and Mithunam 1118 in Chirayinkil, Quilon and Karunagapalli Taluks.

Taluks.	Months.		
	Medam.	Edavam.	Mithunam (all 21st.
(a) Chirayinkil	91	11	18
(b) Quilon	41	78	88
(c) Karunagapalli	...	118	182

Appendix VI.

Vide Answer to Question No. 21.
CHOLERA EPIDEMIC.

The Taluks which have been affected more recently are :

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| 1. Chirayinkil | 9. Thiruvalla |
| 2. Kottarakara | 10. Changanacherry |
| 3. Pathanapuram | 11. Kottayam |
| 4. Quilon | 12. Shertala |
| 5. Karunagapalli | 13. Vaikom |
| 6. Kartikapalli | 14. Meenachil |
| 7. Mavelikara | 15. Kunnathunad, and |
| 8. Ambalapuzha | 16. Parur. |

The towns which have been affected recently are :—

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| 1. Kozhithura | 5. Alleppey |
| 2. Trivandrum | 6. Changanacherry |
| 3. Quilon | 7. Kottayam |
| 4. Kayamkulam | 8. Vaikom |

Suspected cases have been reported from Mavelikara and Thiruvalla Municipalities.